

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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410-313-3200

## Police investigating attempted armed robbery in Elkridge

Single shot fired; no one injured in incident

Howard County police are investigating an attempted armed robbery where a suspect fired a single shot at a Jiffy Lube in Elkridge on Wednesday at approximately 6:45 p.m. No one was injured in the incident.

Police were called to the 6200 block of Washington Boulevard in Elkridge for a report of an attempted armed robbery. The suspect entered the business through the front door, pointed a gun at an employee and demanded money. The employee ran to the rear of the business and exited through a back door.

The suspect then entered the garage area and pointed the weapon at several other employees. The employees fled through a rear door, and the suspect followed, pointing the gun. As the employees ran into the woods, the suspect fired a single shot. No one was injured. There were 10 employees working at the business at the time of the robbery.

No money was obtained by the suspect during the attempted robbery. The suspect fled northbound on foot. He is described as a male of unknown race, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, thin build, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and a black mask.

Police are offering up to a \$500 reward for information leading to an arrest. Anyone with information is asked to call 410-313-STOP. Callers may remain anonymous.